

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.       A beverage container, comprising:  
2                   a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the  
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a  
4 cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;  
5                   a cooling element that is configured to fit within the cavity;  
6                   a base comprising a bottom member and a stem extending vertically upward  
7 from the bottom member, wherein the base includes a connector that is configured to be  
8 coupled to the bottom end of the vessel and to enclose the cooling element within the cavity.

1           2.       A container as in claim 1, wherein the connector comprises a threaded  
2 end on the stem, wherein the cavity includes a threaded section, and wherein the threaded end  
3 is configured to be screwed up into the cavity using the threaded section.

1           3.       A container as in claim 1, wherein the cavity is generally cylindrical in  
2 geometry and extends vertically upward into the interior of the vessel, and wherein the  
3 cooling element comprises a cylinder that is filled with a cooling substance.

1           4.       A beverage container as in claim 2, wherein the connector and the  
2 vessel are constructed of a material selected from a group consisting of glass, hard plastic,  
3 and glass coated with hard plastic.

1           5.       A container as in claim 1, wherein the vessel has a shape selected from  
2 a group consisting of a mug, a regular wine glass, a red wine glass, a white wine glass, a  
3 martini glass, a tumbler, a stein glass, a margarita glass, a brandy snifter and a champagne  
4 glass.

1           6.       A beverage container comprising:  
2                   a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the  
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a  
4 generally hemispherical cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;  
5                   a generally hemispherical cooling element that is configured to fit within the  
6 cavity;  
7                   a base having a connector that is configured to be coupled to the bottom end of  
8 the vessel and to enclose the cooling element within the cavity.

1                   7.       A beverage container as in claim 6, wherein the bottom end includes a  
2 generally hemispherical surface that partially defines the interior of the vessel.

1                   8.       A beverage container as in claim 7, wherein the connector comprises  
2 threads on the base, and wherein the bottom end of the vessel includes threads to permit the  
3 base to be screwed into the vessel.

1                   9.       A beverage container kit comprising:  
2                      a vessel having an interior that is adapted to hold a beverage, wherein the  
3 vessel has a closed bottom end and an open top end, and wherein the bottom end defines a  
4 cavity that is fluidly sealed from the interior of the vessel;  
5                      a cooling element that is configured to fit within the cavity;  
6                      a base comprising a connector that is configured to be coupled to the bottom  
7 end of the vessel and to enclose the cooling element within the cavity;  
8                      a tray having a plurality of holding regions for holding cooling elements,  
9 whereby the tray may be placed in a freezer to cool the cooling elements.

1                   10.      A kit as in claim 9, wherein the tray includes a plurality of recesses  
2 integrally formed in the tray to define the holding regions.

1                   11.      A kit as in claim 10, wherein the recesses are in a shape selected from  
2 a group consisting of semi-cylindrical and semi-spherical.

1                   12.      A kit as in claim 9, wherein the base further comprises a bottom  
2 member and a stem extending vertically upward from the bottom member.

1                   13.      A kit as in claim 12, wherein the connector comprises a threaded end  
2 on the stem, wherein the cavity includes a threaded section, and wherein the threaded end is  
3 configured to be screwed up into the cavity using the threaded section.